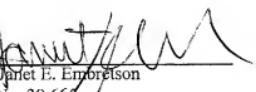


<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	<i>Application Number</i>	10/661,094
	<i>Filing Date</i>	September 12, 2003
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Kirsty J. Dodgson
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1645
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	Jana A. Hines
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	875.092US1
	<i>Customer No.</i>	21186

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled **METHOD AND KIT FOR IDENTIFYING VANCOMYCIN-RESISTANT ENTEROCOCCUS**.  
Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

1.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 11, 2006.
2.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
3.  Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 ( pages) is enclosed.
4.  New power of attorney ( pages) is enclosed.
5.  Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed ( pages), with:
  - a. Form 1449 (pages)
  - b. Copies of IDS Citations ()
6.  Please charge Deposit Account 19-0743 in the amount of \$395.00 to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
7.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.
8.  Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application (1 page) is enclosed along with authorization to charge Deposit Account 19-0743 in the amount of \$450.00 to pay the extension fee.
9.  Others:

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**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being filed using the USPTO's electronic filing system EFS-Web, and is addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 10/12 day of November, 2006

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